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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD); HIGH LEVEL
PARTICIPATION

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1. AT MY FIRST PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH NEW FOREIGN
MINISTER HERNAN CUBILLOS, APRIL 27, HE RAISED SUBJECT
OF SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. CUBILLOS EXPECTS
TO ATTEND PART OF THE SSOD AND IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DELIVER
AN ADDRESS THE MORNING OF JUNE 8.

2. CUBILLOS SAID THAT ONE OF THE FACTORS INFLUENCING
HIS DECISION TO ATTEND THE SSOD IS THE HOPE THAT IT WILL
BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. HE VIEWS SUCH
A MEETING AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT IN ESTABLISHING HIS CRE-
DENTIALS AS A CIVILIAN AND MODERATE VIS A VIS THE MILITARY
WHO DISTRUST THE RECENT CABINET CHANGES. CUBILLOS IS, OF
COURSE, THE FIRST CIVILIAN TO SERVE AS FOREIGN MINISTER
SINCE THE MILITARY COUP IN 1973. HE VIEWS HIS PRIMARY
DIFFICULTY WITH THE MILITARY FIGURES IN THE REGIME AS BEING
THAT OF CONVINCING THEM THAT HE IS ABLE TO PROTECT CHILE'S
INTERESTS IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA.
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CUBILLOS IS WELL AWARE THAT ANY HOPE FOR INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL MATTER DEPENDS ON SUBSTAN-
TIALY IMPROVING CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.

3. IF THE SECRETARY'S CALENDAR PERMITS, I RECOMMEND THAT
A CHILEAN BILATERAL BE HELD. IT WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN

THE CIVILIAN MODERATE COMPONENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT
WHICH APPEARS TO BE CHILE'S BEST HOPE FOR A REASONABLE
TIMETABLE FOR A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. THE FOCUS OF THE BI-
LATERAL SHOULD BE CHILE'S PROGRESS AND PLANS FOR RESTORING
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND FULL PROTECTION FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS.
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